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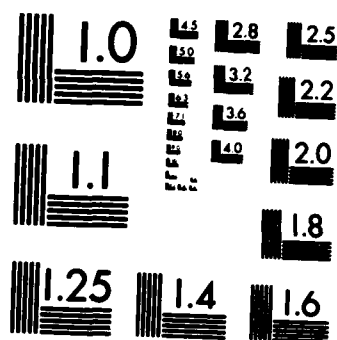
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effective heterogeneous sensitizer for photoinduced singlet oxygen formation. The photogenerated singlet oxygen freely diffuses to solution where it reacts with normal reactivity.⁷ The photocatalyst has high catalytic turnover and high stability. Zeolites X and Y can also be loaded with small particles of semiconductors. In the presence of sacrificial donors, these zeolites effectively evolve hydrogen from water.⁸ Preliminary studies toward optimization of yield in such photoredox reactions were determined.

Loading of clays (kaolin or montmorillonite) with either protons or metals ions renders them effective as thermal isocatalysts and as three dimensional environments for controlled photochemical activation. Unfortunately, very low photoactivity was absorbed, so that clear preference for photochemical over thermal activation inside clays is lacking. The use of clays for cation radical induced Diels-Alder reactions produced significant accelerations compared to the neutral analogous reaction occurring in homogeneous solution, and the generation of protonated phenols to give visibility light activated cyclohexadienyl cations also occurs.

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Statement of the Problem Studied

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Summary of Important Results

Progress has been made in three areas: photoinitiated redox reactions on heteropolyoxoanion surfaces and metal oxide semiconductors; photoinduced reactions induced by sensitizers held within zeolitic cages; and light activated reactions occurring inside clay layers.

Heteropolytungstates containing 1-30 tungsten atoms were compared in photocatalytic ability to semiconductor powders and single crystals of tungsten oxide. Evidence requiring precomplexation of organic substrates for effective photoinduced oxidation was obtained, and a striking variation in photocatalytic activity was observed as the surfaced properties of the heteropolytungstates were varied.¹ The conceptual mechanistic picture involved in the heteropolyoxo induced photooxidations are identical^{2,3} to those involved for charge injection at metal oxide surfaces. Since the adsorption equilibria of a redox active molecule onto the photoactive catalyst was found to be determinative for efficient photoreaction, variation of solvent and surface properties induced profound effect on the quantum efficiency for these conversions.⁴ Preferential adsorption effects were cited as the route source for selective oxidation of a primary over a secondary alcohol site in non-adjacent diols⁵ and for the complete mineralization in the photooxidative destruction of adsorbed isomeric picolines.⁶

Selectivity in oxidative transformations could also be observed if the photoactive sensitizer² was constrained to be held within the pores of zeolites. Ru(bpy)₃²⁺-exchanged zeolite X or Y can act as an

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